

# Lizotte joins Floral Street team

JOE SAWYER  
FLORAL STREET PRINCIPAL

For the second year in a row, Floral Street School will welcome a new assistant principal. After Mrs. Mary Beth Banios was promoted to the principalship of Spring Street School, an extensive search was done for her successor. While there were applicants from many districts, the candidate who emerged as the best match came from within Shrewsbury. Mrs. Jane Lizotte, who has taught at both the Paton and Spring Street Schools, was selected to serve in this important leadership role at Floral Street School.

Mrs. Lizotte holds a master's degree in elementary education from Lesley University and a bachelor's degree in English from Providence College. She has taught in the elementary grades for the past thirteen years; prior to coming to Shrewsbury in 1996, she worked in Somerville, Belmont, Winchester, and Lexington. Since joining the Shrewsbury Schools, Mrs. Lizotte has demonstrated lead-

ership in several ways, including mentoring new teachers, facilitating professional development workshops for her colleagues, and serving on the Commission for High Achieving Students, the Paton School Council, the district-wide Coordinating Council, and the Homework Committee. Over the past two years she participated in the Innovative Program for the Preparation of Administrators, which is a leadership training program initiated by the Shrewsbury Schools in cooperation with other local districts. With Mrs. Lizotte's appointment, Shrewsbury is already reaping the benefits of identifying potential school leaders who are already working as educators in our schools.

Mrs. Lizotte is a Shrewsbury native and a graduate of Shrewsbury High School. She and her husband David reside in town with their four children, Katherine, Joe, Elena, and Anna. In addition to being active in the schools and in the community, Mrs. Lizotte is an avid runner who has completed



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Jane Lizotte  
Floral Street assistant principal

several Boston Marathons. The Floral Street School community is looking forward to working with Mrs. Lizotte as she brings her considerable energy, enthusiasm, and expertise to her new role as our assistant principal.

# Evans named assistant superintendent

TIM HARRINGTON  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND MEMBER OF  
THE INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

On Friday, June 28th, the School Committee voted unanimously to appoint Judith Evans as the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Shrewsbury. The five to zero vote supported Superintendent of Schools Dr. Anthony Bent's recommendation and concluded the search process. Evans will be replacing Michael F. Brandmeyer, who will become the new Superintendent of Schools in Lincoln, Massachusetts.

The search for candidates began in May when advertisements were posted in the Boston Globe, Worcester Telegram and Gazette, and on websites. By the June 7th deadline, there were 34 applicants. An Interview Committee was formed, and its members, Anthony Bent, Gary Chalmers, Chuck Danielson, Patricia Degon, Daniel Gutekanst, Tim Harrington, Thomas Kennedy, Rosemary Royer, and Laura Williams interviewed 13 selected candidates. By June 10th, the committee narrowed the pool down to four. Five members of the Interview Committee visited the



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Judith Evans  
Assistant Superintendent

sites of the four finalists, interviewing those who worked close to each candidate. All four also visited Shrewsbury for a day. After a very positive site visit to Lynnfield and her excellent daylong visit to Shrewsbury, Judith Evans surfaced as one of three finalists invited back to Shrewsbury to be interviewed by the School Committee. In her final interview, her answers were clear and thoughtful, and her poised manner contributed to the School

Committees' final vote. Evans was impressed with the process, saying "The commitment to education was clearly shown."

Evans graduated Tufts University with a bachelor's and master's degree in English, and holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S.) in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of New Hampshire. She taught English at the high school level for eight years in Hudson, New Hampshire, before becoming the Assistant Principal at Goffstown Area High School for three years. For the last five years Evans has been the Principal of Lynnfield High School in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. As a high school principal, Bent feels she is capable of handling diverse responsibilities as Shrewsbury's new Assistant Superintendent of Schools. The search was exhausting, but Bent is pleased with the outcome. "Judy has the education, experience, and personal skills that make her a good match for Shrewsbury," Bent stated. As Shrewsbury says goodbye to Brandmeyer, we welcome Judy Evans, another high-performing individual.

# Summertime...and the learnin' is easy!

ANN JONES  
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

For most of us summer means sunshine, ball games, swimming, biking, cookouts, and the beach. But, for over 600 Shrewsbury children and fifty local teachers, summer also means learning! For our third year, Shrewsbury Public Schools sponsored the Shrewsbury Summer Enrichment Program at Floral Street School. Children, ages five to fourteen, participated in programs with topics ranging from cartooning to cooking, dinosaurs to digital puppetry, and sign language to Shakespeare. This summer, seventy-one classes were filled with children whose families recognize that summer is a great time to learn.

Summer Enrichment is not really a camp and definitely not just a place to go to while away the hours. This is evident in the comments of the children who participated. In Ms. Michelle DeChaves' American Sign Language class, Sumeera Gupta, 13, explained that learning Sign Language was much more fun than going to work with her mom. "My mom is an architect and I would just be travelling from office to office. This is much better!" Julianne Jensen, 12, also a student in Sign Language, loved the fact that she was learning something new without having to do homework and take tests. In Ms. Katie Cornacchioli's Personal Webpages class, Brandon Cooper, 10, and David Nam, 8, learned how to cre-

ate their own Internet homepage. "Brandon's Cincinnati Homepage" focused on the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. "I was born there and there are lots of historical places to write about." And while Brandon wrote about a city, John Edward Rezuze, 6, a student in Ms. Carol Peterson and Ms. Lisa Ericson's Underwater Explorers class, learned about the sea. When asked about his favorite part of Summer Enrichment, John enthusiastically responded, "I like the turtles!" Clearly, these children found that even though school was out for the summer, learning never ended.

We loved our summer home at Floral Street School and hope to return again next summer with lots more to offer.

# Welcome Back!! We look forward to serving you!

BETH NICHOLS  
FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

As a reminder, the Food Service Department offers the following programs:

## Breakfast program

A Breakfast Program is offered daily at all schools before the school day begins. A hot entree and a variety of cereals, fruits, pastries and morning breads, yogurts and milk are offered daily. All meals meet the USDA requirements for good nutrition. The cost of breakfast is \$1.00.

## Lunch program

A Lunch Program is offered daily at all schools. A minimum of two entrees is offered daily. In addition, a variety of sandwiches, soups, milks, fruits, vegetables and breads are offered daily. All meals meet the USDA nutritional guidelines. The cost of lunch is \$1.75.

## Preschool & Kindergarten Snack

A Prepaid Snack Program is available to students attending the Full and Half Day Kindergarten Programs and Preschool Programs. A variety of popular and nutritional snacks and beverages are offered daily that meet the USDA Nutritional Guidelines. The cost of the kindergarten snack program is \$98.00 per year. Preschool snack programs vary, please contact that office for more information.

## Free and reduced snack, breakfast, lunch applications

Free and reduced meals and snacks are available to students if there is financial need. If you need an application at any time during the year call the Food Service Office at 508-841-8819 and one will be mailed to you. Eligibility is governed by guidelines set by the Department of Education. A written notification will be sent to all families stating what program they qualify for.

Complete confidentiality is used when processing and filing applications. All Food Service Staff are trained to maintain the anonymity of students receiving free or reduced, snacks or meals.

To continue offering a quality program, meal prices have increased for the 2002-2003 school year.

## Menus

Menus are sent home monthly with elementary and middle school students. The weekly menu is printed in the *Shrewsbury Chronicle* and is posted on the Shrewsbury Public Schools Website. The Food Service Department is committed to serving what is on the printed menu.

## Prepaid Meal Plan

A Prepaid Lunch Ticket Plan is available instead of using cash. To purchase tickets:

a) Send a self addressed stamped envelope along with your check for the number of tickets requested to: Shrewsbury Schools Food Service Department, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury MA 01545. Tickets will be mailed back to you. Tickets are packaged 5/packet and cost \$1.75 per ticket or \$8.75 per packet.

b) After August 15 tickets may be purchased at the Central Office, located in Town Hall, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets at this location will only be sold in blocks of 20, at a cost of \$35 per packet. Checks only. No cash will be accepted.

## \*\*Tickets are non-refundable.

Tickets can be used at all of the schools and a prepaid ticket system can be easier for parents and children than handling cash. This system will also help to speed up the register lines, giving children more time to eat their lunch.

## Food Service Department Contacts

Please contact the School Lunch Office with any questions, comments, suggestions, or ideas. The telephone number for the director, Beth Nichols, is 841-8819. Each school site also has a manager available to speak with you. Or visit us at: [www.ci.shrewsbury.ma.us/Sps/Schools/Central/SchLunch](http://www.ci.shrewsbury.ma.us/Sps/Schools/Central/SchLunch)